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weeks, as would an adoptive parent. It is an issue of equal treatment of employees. In addition, the bill will provide that an adoptive parent denied child care leave of absence on equal terms may bring action for equitable relief and damages, and could be awarded reasonable attorney fees if they prevailed in court. There are many adoptive parents across the state who have worked for passage of this bill. It levels the playing field for adoptive parents and I urge your support. It came out of committee with no opponents and was voted on 7 with 1 person absent, which was myself. I had gone home to work. So it's no "no" votes on it. I would encourage your support for this bill. If there's any questions, I'd try and answer them for you. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator. Discussion on the advancement of LB 134? Senator, you're recognized to close on the advancement of 134. Senator Pedersen waives closing. The motion before us is the advancement of LB 134. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of 134.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The bill is advanced. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 163, by Senator Hilgert. (Read title.) Bill was introduced on January 8, referred to Judiciary, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Chair recognizes Senator Hilgert on the advan...on the...to open, excuse me, to open on LB 163.

SENATOR HILGERT: Thank you very much, Mr. President, members. LB 163 is a very simple bill. It does not have any amendments from the committee and it came out of the Judiciary Committee with no dissenting votes whatsoever. It basically outlaws and prohibits the use and distribution, sale of refrigerants containing liquified petroleum gas for use in car air conditioning systems. Basically, what this is, is we banned Freon, the use of Freon in your air conditioning systems in your